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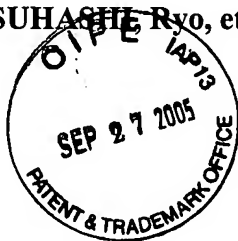
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements of Application dated **July 29, 2005**, enclosed for filing is an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified patent application.

Please note that the surcharge fee of **\$130.00** for filing the late Declaration was paid at the initial filing. The fees enclosed at initial filing on **January 6, 2005** were **\$1,130.00** (\$300.00 for basic national filing fees, \$500.00 for search fee, \$200.00 for examination fee and \$130.00 for filing the late Declaration). In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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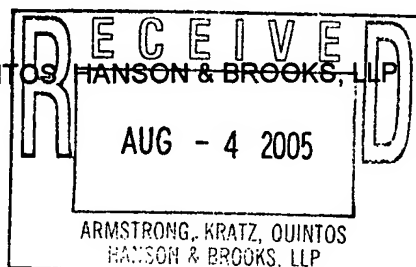


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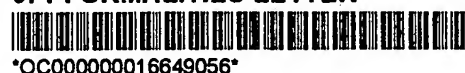
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 01/06/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 01/06/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 01/06/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 01/06/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 01/06/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 01/06/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 01/06/2005

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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